



African Youth Conference on Climate Change (AfriYOCC) 2016

Theme: “Making Climate Finance Work for African Youth.”

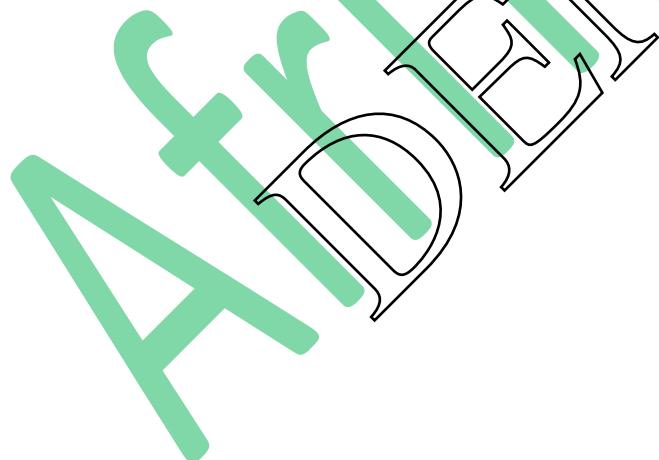
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1.0 AFRICAN YOUTH CONFERENCE ON CLIMATE CHANGE (AFriYOCC), 2015

The 1st African Youth Conference on Climate Change (AfriYOCC) convened from 26th - 27th October, 2015 in Victoria Falls, Zimbabwe, on the theme “African Youth Responses to Climate Change and Food Security, Action from the Frontline.” The conference was organized by Africa Youth Initiative on Climate Change (AYICC) in partnership with Africa Climate Policy Center (ACPC), New Partnership for African Development (NEPAD), Pan African Climate Justice Alliance (PACJA) and Zimbabwe United Nations Association (ZUNA).

100 youths selected across Africa in the conference addressing the thematic strands of Youth in Agribusiness; Climate Change and Development in Africa; Sustainable Agriculture and Food Security; Green Economy and Technology Transfer; Climate Justice and Human Rights; and Climate Change and Disaster risk reduction participated in this first edition of the African Youth Conference on Climate Change (AfriYOCC). This came at a time when Africa as a continent continues to bear the biggest brunt of climate change due to low resilience and weak capacities, with the youth despite their huge numbers and innovativeness among the vulnerable alongside women. Despite the odds, they have been actively engaged in adaptation and mitigation initiatives that improve their communities' resilience to climate change.

The conference therefore provided a platform for the African youths to interact and share best practices. Five flagship projects were selected to be used as case studies by African Youths in starting their own projects depending on transferability. The conference also saw the drafting of African youth position for COP 21 which was handed over to African Group of Negotiators at the fifth Climate Change and Development in Africa Conference (CCDA V).



2.0 RATIONALE FOR THE 2nd AFRICAN YOUTH CONFERENCE ON CLIMATE CHANGE (AfriYOCC-2016)

Globally, Africa is seen as a continent particularly vulnerable to the impacts of climate change. The anticipated detrimental impacts associated with the environmental challenge of climate change is already modifying Africa's economies and livelihoods, health, social structure, infrastructure and natural systems. Over the years, African youth have proved their potential in both promoting and implementing climate change adaptation projects in their communities. Their innovations have continually been adopted in responding to climate change impacts. This is despite various challenges that include low capacity and education, high rates of poverty and lack of financial resources. At the same time, African youth have been minimally represented in the respective country policy processes as well as during the UNFCCC climate change negotiations. Above 50% of the African population are the youth. This justifies the urgent need for youth capacity development to respond to climate change and inclusion as key stakeholders in policy process and negotiations. AYICC aims to spearhead new innovations, look into new systems of success to share with policy and decision-makers, and generally aim to improve on the current system which is causing long-term and irreversible degradation to our livelihoods – as the leading youth organization on climate change in Africa.

In cognizance of the role and potential of the African youth in climate change mitigation and adaptation and overall sustainable development trajectory, the second **African Youth Conference on Climate Change (AfriYOCC)**, shall be held in Nairobi, Kenya on **10th to 13th October, 2016** as AYICC marks its **10th Anniversary since its formation in 2006** during the **second Conference of Youth (COY 2) preceding COP 12**. Building on the success of the first edition of conference, AfriYOCC shall provide an avenue for African youths to showcase their climate change adaptation and mitigation strategies, projects and initiatives. Best practices arising from the various AYICC country chapters shall be developed to an **African youth climate change adaptation and mitigation best practices database and handbook**. The meeting will dilate on the current post 2015 development agenda and the role of young people in championing the implementation of the Sustainable Development Goals in Africa.

The delegates shall have an opportunity to visit ongoing Climate Change adaptation and agribusiness projects in Kenya for hands-on skills and knowledge replicable in their countries. Consequently, it shall boost the skills and capacities of African youths to substantially contribute to the process leading towards and during COP 22. Through partnership with both Governmental and Non-governmental agencies, the conference shall not only negotiate for more youth representation in the respective country policy processes towards the forthcoming CoPs and country specific policies, but also provide learning and engagement opportunities for African youths. This will greatly enhance their current capacity and potential to actively participate in both national and international platforms for policy formulation and implementation. The conference will also provide a platform to re-assess the current position of our negotiators and create awareness about the critical role young people should play in shifting agendas in the forthcoming Conference of Parties in Marrakech come November 2016. While a 4 day gathering

seem insufficient, the conference will pave the way for active engagement of African youth into issues affecting their livelihoods.

African youth have for long been side-lined to the periphery of the substantive civic and policy issues facing the continent. However, the worst affected are the rural based youths and those residing in farming communities, peri-urban areas and those from conflict and post conflict countries. This has resulted in youths from these marginalized communities having no knowledge and information on the basic climate change science and adaptation and mitigation mechanisms. The good news though is that there is capacity amongst many young people who are already in the circles of upcoming academia, policy specialists, lawyers, journalists and scientists' alike. These capacities need to be strengthened and skills shared amongst the wider group of young people on the continent so that best practices are disseminated and resources are expanded.

While it is an undeniable fact that climate change is affecting all regions globally, especially in developing countries, the adverse effects in the future is likely to increase if the Paris agreement is not ratified and effectuated by all parties. And even though a deal was achieved during COP21 in Paris, the impacts of climate change will definitely continue into the future. This suggests that young people will have to not just understand what climate change is and how it is affecting our world, opportunities that exists within, but most importantly, participate actively into finding amicable solutions. Young people of Africa have therefore considered it an inherent imperative to contribute to their future by organizing the **2nd African Youth Conference on Climate Change in October 2016** under the theme, **'Making Climate Finance work for African Youth.'**

2.1 CONFERENCE STRATEGY

The conference program shall be based on exploring mechanisms to finance climate adaptation and mitigation through Innovations in **agriculture, technology and other sectors**. It shall be highly interactive with unique workshop-style design that enables participants to develop their potential through practical experience. Participants will divide to participate in thematic workshops and come up with an African Youth position paper and concrete activities to be included in the **African Youth Strategy on Climate Change**.

The delegates shall be engaged in pre-conference activities that shall include and not limited to, mapping of youth climate change and/or mitigation projects within the conference key focus areas for selection as best practice and include in the African youth climate change adaptation and mitigation best practices database and handbook and aggressively fundraise towards their participation and a successful workshop. The conference shall critically examine the various country positions and the overall continents positions of the African Group of Negotiators, their achievements and potentials towards the implementation of the Paris Agreement. It shall examine the youth voices in these positions and further develop **African youth position for COP22**.

We expect 200 youth leaders to participate in this conference. The conference is convened by the AYICC continental secretariat in collaboration with AYICC Kenya chapter and the member

country chapters. AYICC leadership will work closely during and after the conference with the participants and partners to develop follow up mechanisms and activities.

2.2 CONFERENCE THEMATIC FOCUS AREAS

- a. Climate Smart Agriculture (CSA)
- b. Climate Change and Development in Africa
- c. Food Security and Sustainable Consumption
- d. Youth and Disaster Risk Reduction
- e. Innovative ways of financing youth-led climate change initiatives
- f. Sustainable Innovations on Climate Change

2.3 OBJECTIVES, ACTIVITIES AND OUTCOMES

The overarching aims of the AfriYOCC 2016, is to create a platform for African youths and AYICC membership to come together to discuss current and emerging issues on climate change in Africa, to network amongst the membership through sharing experiences, knowledge and actions, to hold face-to-face strategic meetings on country and local level activities on climate change mitigation and adaptation.

2.3.1 CONFERENCE OBJECTIVES

- To showcase various youth-run agribusiness initiatives in combating climate change.
- To impart knowledge on existing green economy technologies that can be replicated across the continent
- To brainstorm on available resources (climate finance, technology, etc) towards mitigation and adaptation.
- To brainstorm on AYICC engagement strategies with potential partners
- To develop a position paper on COP 22
- Commemorate the tenth year anniversary of the African Youth Initiative on Climate Change (AYICC)

2.3.2 CONFERENCE OUTCOMES

At the end of the conference, youth participants and AYICC members will leave with;

- (a) An African youth position paper for CoP22, an engagement strategy in involving African youths in climate change policy and negotiations
- (b) A clear understanding of the AYICC strategy and operations and renewed zeal for its vision.
- (c) Knowledge, new ideas and practices for potential replication in their countries
- (d) New partners to liaise with on climate change issues across the continent
- (e) A final Best Practices Database of AYICC and Youth actions on climate change for dissemination through online or other channels
- (f) An African youth strategy (2016-2020) on climate change and development in Africa

2.3.3 CONFERENCE ACTIVITIES

These will include but are not limited to;

- Exhibition of projects by participants and partner organizations (Green Space),
- Side events,
- Field trip to an agribusiness sites,
- Caucus meetings to develop the various outcome documents,
- Youth project presentations,
- Speaker presentations on thematic areas,
- Plenary session,
- Excursion

These will be spread across the four days

2.7 TARGET GROUP AND PARTICIPATION

1. The African youth and AYICC members
2. Youth led climate and environmental organizations
3. Youth climate activist
4. Government and Non-governmental Organizations in Africa. Especially those with an interest in climate finance, climate change, food security and sustainable agriculture
5. Grassroots youths and farmers
6. Youths from indigenous communities
7. Media and Artists

2.8 DATES AND VENUE

The summit will commence on 10th October 2016, and conclude on the 13th October 2016. Official sessions start in the morning at 08:30hrs and end 18:00hrs in the evening.

2.9 POTENTIAL PARTNERS

- 1) African Union Commission
- 2) African Climate Policy Centre
- 3) NEPAD
- 4) UNFCCC Secretariat
- 5) Stockholm Environment Institute (SEI)
- 6) 350.Org
- 7) Netfund
- 8) Standard Group - Kenya
- 9) UN Habitat

- 10) UNDP GEF-SGP
- 11) Ministries of Environment, Natural Resources and Regional Development Authorities-Kenya
- 12) Ministry of Youth-Kenya
- 13) Pan African Climate Justice Alliance (PACJA)
- 14) Norwegian NGO Forum for Development and Environment
- 15) SAFARICOM
- 16) OXFAM
- 17) African Alliance of YMCA
- 18) WWF
- 19) GCCA
- 20) CAN International
- 21) Action/2015.org
- 22) CAADP Non-State Actors Coalition
- 23) African Artists Peace Initiative
- 24) African Youth Panel (AYP)
- 25) African Youth Alliance on Post2015 (AYAP)
- 26) Pan-African Youth Union
- 27) East African Community Secretariat

2.10 WHAT IS IN IT FOR YOU AS A PARTNER/SPONSOR

The conference theme is deliberate, as we believe that African youth have a key role to play in reversing the threats of climate change and related issues.

The benefits are enumerated below:

- AYICC and the conference make you a partner not only for the congress but for long term engagements which we will both agree on. Opportunities include contributing to the lobby positions and handbook on best practices, AYICC website, Facebook page, newsletters and campaigns.
- You will be given an opportunity to set the conference agenda and a speaking slot and take part in post conference strategy.
- AYICC can provide and make available a platform of 45 national chapters with over 20,000 members that could serve as a focal point and partners in implementing country specific projects and research activities.
- Extra Large Size Logo of organization in conference banner backdrop
- Name and Logo of your organization in all promotional materials (banners, flyers, Facebook page and posters)
- Company's name and logo included in the final conference report

2.11 OVERVIEW OF AFRIY OCC PROGRAM 2016

	Day 1 10 th October, 2016	Day 2 11 th October, 2016	Day 3 12 th October, 2016	Day 4 13 th October
Morning	Opening Plenary (Plenary Session) Youth speakers and partner organizations will deliver remarks, expectations and commitments on conference theme	Exhibition of projects by participants and partner organizations (Green Space),	Developing the African Youth Position on CoP22 and youth engagement strategy for CoP22 and beyond.	Field trip to an agribusiness sites/ Excursion and Mountain Climbing
Mid-Morning	Speaker presentations on thematic areas,	Youth project presentations	Caucus meetings to develop the various outcome documents	
Afternoon	Tenth Year Anniversary Session of the African Youth Initiative on Climate Change (Success Stories, Challenges and Prospects)	Thematic Workshops(Breakout Sessions) Training sessions run parallel based on all 5 thematic focus areas of the conference/ Plenary Session	Congress of the African Youth Initiative on Climate Change Closing of the 2nd AfriY OCC and announcement of 3rd AfriY OCC 2017 and host country	
Evening	Welcome Dinner/ Introductions	Award Ceremony of the African Climate Champions Awards	Camping	

3.0 BACKGROUND TO AFRICAN YOUTH INITIATIVE ON CLIMATE CHANGE (AYICC)

The African Youth Initiative on Climate Change (AYICC) is an umbrella youth network of African based youth organizations, university groups, rural youth groups, schools, and individuals working on climate change and sustainable development issues. It aims at developing capacity and strong partnerships among African youth to understand the urgent need to take action against the impacts of climate change for both present and future generations.

The initiative (always referred to as the movement) was conceived in Nairobi Kenya 10 years ago, during the second Conference of Youth (COY2) preceding the 12th Conference of Parties of the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC - COP12). The main reason for its founding was to ensure the inclusion, and active participation of youths from the south, and specifically Africa, in the international climate change negotiations. This was needed as the youth are more than half the African population and are most affected by climate change impacts. They also got massive potential to support the continent to take action on global warming.

During its formation, it comprised of 8 country chapters and current has grown to 45 country chapters with over 20,000 members across Africa and the Diaspora. This initiative has provided a platform for knowledge, ideas and experiences sharing. It is also an avenue for development of skills and strategies on youth action on climate change mitigation and adaptation in the African continent. AYICC has been identified by most youth to have the potential to provide a platform for them to address their regional challenges at such international gatherings as the UNFCCC, CBD, UNCSD, among others.

Since its inception, we have worked in partnership with international youth movements and have played a great role in the establishment of the International Youth Climate Movement whose youth member organizations are now officially acknowledged by the UNFCCC as the YOUNGO (Youth NGOs involved in the climate change negotiations process). Since COY2 in Nairobi, it has had youth delegates' representation in all COP meetings.

In addition to the above, we have had landmark successes that include:

- A reach out programme for a children's home (Watoto Wema in Ruai) and School climate change education program run in selected schools in Kenya.
- Leadership and mentorship programmes especially on volunteerism.
- Community development projects particularly on clean energy (energy saving stoves for rural folks)
- Capacity development of youth on agribusiness
- Advocacy campaigns e.g. lobbied for lanes to be set aside along the major highways for non-motorised transport especially for cyclists.
- Policy engagements i.e. contributing to the climate change bill 2012, as stakeholders
- Youth Caravan from Kenya to Durban during COP 17

3.1 Our Goal

To develop capacity and strong partnerships among African youth to understand the urgent need to take action against the impacts of climate change for both present and future generations.

3.2 Our Vision

An African continent with an empowered and united youth, who are proactively involved in the decision-making processes and in the adoption of sustainable options towards a better climate and social equity.

3.3 Our Core Objectives

- a) To provide a platform for young people in the African Countries to engage in dialogue and share experiences with regard to youth participation in climate change and sustainable development.
- b) To advocate and lobby for pro-active representation and participation of youth in climate change and sustainable development activities at a local, national and international level.
- c) To build partnerships and mobilize resources for youth and youth organizations to actively participate in the implementation of climate change response strategies and projects in their member countries.
- d) Play a leading role in promoting and implementing climate change education and research, adaptation and mitigation in Africa.
- e) Initiate and support youth leadership processes by creating a platform for transfer of leadership skills and principles of transparent governance.

3.4 Our strategic priorities in achieving these objectives:

- Policy dialogues
- Networking and partnerships, including South/South and South/North
- Communication and Education
- Precaution strategies
- Research, Advocacy and Action Learning

Our charter (Charter of the African Youth Initiative on Climate Change) can be found on www.ayicc.net.

Presently the concept of AYICC has been taken forward by African youth in the absence of any financial assistance, the greatest resource being the time and skills that the leadership committee and members contribute. However, in order to scale up our actions and make AYICC vision a reality, there is need for more human and financial resources.

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African Youth Conference on Climate Change (AfriYOCC) 2016

African Youth Conference on Climate Change will take place in Nairobi in Kenya. The conference is organized by the African Youth Initiative on Climate Change (AYICC) and the African Climate Policy Centre from the 10 to 13 October 2016. AYICC marks its 10th Anniversary since its formation in 2006 during the second Conference of Youth (COY 2) preceding COP 12.

African Youth Initiative on Climate Change (AYICC) www.ayicc.net is a continental youth network that was conceived in 2006 in Nairobi Kenya, during the Conference of Youth held just before the UNFCCC COP12. This initiative has continued to link, and share knowledge, ideas, experiences, skills and strategies on youth action around the continent on climate change, its mitigation and adaptation and sustainable development. In 2009, AYICC was granted observer status to the African Minister Conference on Environment (AMCEN). AYICC has been identified by most youth to have the potential to provide a platform for them to address their regional challenges at such international gatherings as the Conference of Parties of UNFCCC, CBD, UNCSD, among others. AYICC currently operates in over 45 African countries with over 20,000 members.

In response, to the call by AU Heads of States and Government to establish the CAHOSCC Youth Programme on Climate Change (CYPCC), (Assembly/AU/Dec.538{XXIII}) and cognizant of the key role played by African youths in climate change mitigation and adaptation and overall sustainable development. AYICC is convening the Second African Youth Conference on Climate Change (AfriYOCC) from the 10 to 13 October 2016, after the successful hosting of the first edition held from 26th to 27th October 2015 in Victoria Falls, Zimbabwe.

AfriYOCC 2016, shall provide an avenue for African youths to showcase their climate change adaptation and mitigation strategies, projects and initiatives. Best practices arising from the various AYICC country chapters shall be showcased and the African youth climate change adaptation and mitigation best practices data base and handbook launched.

Sequel to the above, we are officially announcing call for "Youth Participants" to the 2nd African Youth Conference on Climate Change (AfriYOCC) 2016 on the Theme: "Making Climate Finance Work for African Youth".

The Tenth Year Anniversary of the African Youth Initiative on Climate Change (AYICC) will also be commemorated alongside the African Climate Justice Champions' Awards Ceremony during AfriYOCC 2016.

The conference will focus on the following thematic areas;

- a. Youth in Agribusiness
- b. Climate Change and Development in Africa
- c. Sustainable Agriculture and Food Security
- d. Green Economy and Technology
- e. Climate Justice and Human Rights
- f. Climate Change and Disaster Risk Reduction

The application is open for "Youth Participants" from age 18 to 35. Travel costs, feeding and accommodation, will be provided for successful applicants.

Kindly note that the deadline for application is 31st August 2016. Participants that can secure full or partial sponsorship are strongly encouraged to apply.

Click on the below link for the application and the concept paper. For any enquirers send a mail to afriyocc@gmail.com

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AYICC Founding Opportunities

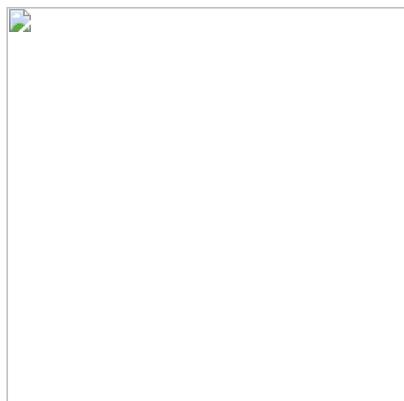
Globally, Africa is seen as a continent particularly vulnerable to the impacts of climate change. The anticipated detrimental impacts associated with the environmental challenge of climate change will ultimately modify Africa's economies and livelihoods, health, social structure, infrastructure and natural systems. To date little has been done to empower, capacitate and mobilise youth, particularly in Africa to address global environmental challenges such as climate change. [facebook down back links](#) To remedy this, an initial step has been the formation of the African Youth Initiative on Climate Change (AYICC).

The African Youth Initiative on Climate Change was formed partially in response to the poor representation of young Africans at the International Youth Summit on Climate Change (November 24-28, 2005), which was held in conjunction with the United Nation's Climate Change Conference (November 28-December 10, 2005) in Montreal, Canada. The overall mission of AYICC is to ensure that African youth are equipped to participate in future UNFCCC meetings and other global initiatives for sustainable solutions to environmental degradation and climate change.

In order to ensure a strong youth presence in climate change dialogue and fora, there is a need for AYICC to ensure youth representation from various parts of Africa. This will enable Africa's youth to engage with the global youth movement, governments and NGO's in a more coordinated and sustained manner. The long term goal is to ensure sustainable and systematic global youth action, with special emphasis on African youth on the issue of climate change.

Presently the concept of AYICC has been taken forward by African youth in the absence of any financial assistance. The planning committee members have volunteered their time and their contributions. However, in order to make this vision a reality we need to become a financially viable organisation. For this reason, we would like to request your financial assistance in getting this vision off the ground.

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YOUTH STATEMNET AT THE OPENING FORUM OF THE SEVENTH AFRICAN DEVELOPMENT FORUM, 12TH OCTOBER

2010: *Ms. Esther Agbarakwe, Nigeria*

The Chair,

Climate Change poses significant challenges to future generations. As youth we have a stake in this future, it is our future.

As the 7th African Development Forum, we have indeed come of age, we are no longer in our childhood stages of determining sustainable development – the time of maturity has arrived. This year is marked as the International Year of Youth and now, more than ever before, the youth are taking a stand. More than anyone else, we, the Youth, face unprecedented challenges as a result of global climate change. We also share the responsibility of addressing it. As a group, we are key moral stakeholders in the international processes treating the most important challenge of our generation. As it is our future, we will be disproportionately affected by the catastrophic impacts of climate change.

Advocacy and Behavior Change: It is critical for present and future leaders to collaborate on finding solutions. The need for cultural transformation in our time is stronger than ever. This transformation – that enables us to shift towards a more sustainable world – should be an organic process, guided by principles of compassion, integrity and justice. We need to pragmatically rethink our behavioral patterns, to enable a paradigm shift that is based on an ongoing process of action, reflection and meaningful participation. Awareness, education and empowerment are fundamental prerequisites to enabling this process, and the youth are energetic and passionate about holding governments and all relevant stakeholders involved accountable for their actions. We are equal partners in this process and commit ourselves fully to achieving the objectives as decided by this Forum.

Contrary to what is believed; young people play a dynamic role in framing and implementing policies. So their role goes beyond advocacy. From an advocacy perspective, young people are involved in songs and stories which spread awareness in local languages. Of course we understand the importance and relevance of this because 70% of Africa is based in rural areas and the term Climate Change is foreign. Young people are finding ways of using words in local languages to translate the message across.

It is time to shift the balance of decision-making towards the generation that will have to manage this unwanted inheritance, to make political and economic decisions that can span a generation, and to enable real inter-generational and inter-cultural dialogue about climate change to be realized in institutions where the youth generation can learn.

However at the same time a range of social learning and marketing approaches need to be developed to address the gap between classroom education styles and education that stimulates real action. This gap prevents the cultural shift from token awareness to personal action and reaction.

Education: In relation to climate change, *African Governments* should begin at inception to mainstream youth voices and perceptions. This is particularly important because climate change projections indicate that effects will begin to be most felt in the next 20-30 years — young people should begin to be part of the solution so that they will be able to cope when disaster calls. Involving them in this programme will ensure that those who will be affected will have direct knowledge of the challenges and strategies for coping as well as the ability to mobilize communities to respond to and prepare for the impact of climate change and natural disasters.

Governments must give credence to the higher learning education system in Africa in particular the increased accent on improvement of research and innovation on climate change specifically highlighting on policy and reform, the programmes, pedagogy and teaching tools. This will enhance an equipped pool of intellectual capital among the young people on climate change issues who will replicate this to the various organizations and networks that they are part of.

At government level, during the last Conference of the Parties (COP), it was pleasing to see that many African delegations included youth and gave them a role to play. Furthermore, many youth who were involved in COP 15 deliberations have been interacting with their various governments and engaging in processes and procedures that are related to Climate change policy. There is an understanding that more needs to be done, and at this forum, I urge you to engage young people who knock on your doors asking to be involved.

Youth and youth based NGOs play a major role either in strengthening local capacity to cope or by supporting local action. Already, groups such as the Nigerian Youth Coalition and the African youth Climate Initiative-Kenya have established school climate clubs, which are creative ways to engage young people; these initiatives should be mainstreamed into education systems. Young people in this governance process are important because successful adaptation requires a host of innovative measures developed with vulnerable communities to improve their present and future livelihoods. Young people are vibrant and are able to access places that many governmental institutions fail to access. As the majority of the population and Africa's future, it is important to include them in this impending crisis that is Climate Change.

Already, this conference calls for integrated approaches to enable African countries to develop strategies for adaptation to climate change. There is a dire need to have a clearer understanding of the potential calamities that climate change can bring and to start the discourse on how best to stave off the worst impacts. There is already an understanding that

Climate Change is not a localized problem but transcends national borders, hence the need for co-operation of Intergovernmental agencies but also to include those young and vulnerable people.

Conclusion:

No longer can climate change be seen as merely an environmental problem or an energy challenge. It is a combination of both, which needs the involvement of young people to preserve the environment and enter into green energy careers.

It's important for all of us to recognize that sustainable development isn't just a catch phrase – people all over the continent are taking it into their own hands. A couple days ago over 300 community events took place in nearly every country on the continent of Africa, and more than 7000 globally as part of the Global Work Party on 10/10/10.

Everywhere in the world, people planted trees, cultivated community gardens, installed solar panels, made buildings more efficient and implemented thousands of other grassroots solutions to the climate crisis. We got to work everywhere in the world, but we need you, leaders, to get to work, too.

Thank you and God bless

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Doha leads way in bringing gender equality to COP agenda

Mary Robinson says gender balance is essential to the debate on climate change COP18/CMP8 Doha on Tuesday when the UNFCCC's first ever Gender Day took place. Including H.E. Sheikha Mayassa bint Hamad Al-Thani, took to the stage to speak about women and the important role [...]

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Call for applications: "Africa-Europe Youth Climate Leadership & Learning Program, Bonn Germany

Background The African Youth Initiative on Climate Change (AYICC) have received seed funding from North-South Centre of the Council of Europe to support the participation Europe Youth Climate Leadership & Learning Program taking place on 6-17 June 2011 in Bonn, Germany. Who can apply? Application is open to [...]

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"Payé ou pas, je m'engage": c'est le slogan sur laquelle portera toute l'action de l'AJVC durant les festivités meublant la célébration des 10 ans de l'Association du 8 au 11 septembre 2011 revêt, a n'en point douter, une importance primordiale pour l'association jeunesse verte du Cameroun (AJVC), [...]

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The 25th session of the Conference Parties (COP25) to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) was held from the 2 -13 December bringing together nearly 27000 people to the Spanish capital. COP25 provided parties with the opportunity to finalize the "rulebook" of the Paris Agreement – the operating manual needed when it takes effect in 2020.

In the spirit of the convention on climate change young people continue to enjoy various spaces during COP mainly through YOUNGO; the official youth constituency to the UNFCCC. Article 6 of the Convention and Article 12 of the Paris Agreement referred to as Action for Climate Empowerment (ACE) encourage the empowerment of every member of the society to take climate actions and therefore young people who are most vulnerable to the climate crisis are increasingly becoming the centre of discussion.

The world today is home to the largest generation of young people in history and their energy, creativity, and innovation, when harnessed properly, will accelerate sustainable solutions to the global crisis. Youth have a pivotal role to play in the implementation of ACE which consists of six elements namely: education, training, public awareness, public participation, public access to information, and international cooperation.

At COP25, the Intergenerational Inquiry which is a highlight event of Young and Future Generations Day and like every year provided a platform for youth and decision-makers to discuss how young people can enhance the implementation of the Paris Agreement. This platform was attended by the Executive Secretary of the UNFCCC and provided an opportunity for young people to share the outcome on the Conference of Youth (COY 15) to the secretariat.

The African Youth Initiative on Climate Change (AYICC) has continued to empower and mobilize young people at COP through our side events and exhibitions. Through an exhibition at COP 25, AYICC was able to showcase the actions and contributions of African youth in the fight against climate change. Such actions include ecological restorations, renewable energy promotion, and local conference of youth hosted by our national chapters.

AYICC's greatest concern however, is with regards to the low representation of African youth at the UNFCCC sessions. There are many contributing factors which includes lack of funding, inability to assess accreditations and visas. As the first step in addressing this, we will continue to encourage African countries to make conscious efforts to include youth delegates in their official delegations for COPs. We also call on development partners and stakeholders who are interested in youth development to reach out with their support to AYICC to enhance African youth participation in this important global process.

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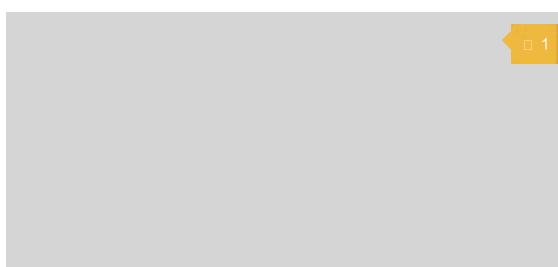
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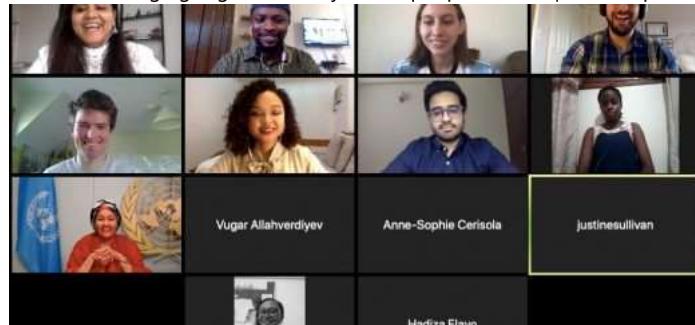
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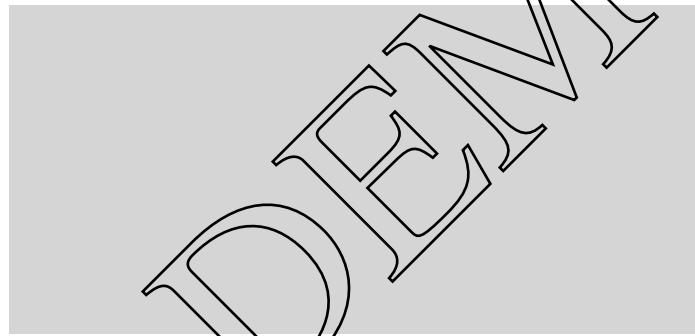
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Our Communication Director Olumide Idowu Join the World leaders + youth leaders discuss how we can recover better from COVID to fight our climate crisis
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The African Youth Initiative on Climate Change

• Campaigns and Advocacy

The African Youth Initiative on Climate Change (AYICC) is widely known for our incessant campaigns and research-based advocacy on environmental and climate change topics. Since 2006 AYICC has been consistent with its campaigns impressing on African governments and international community alike to deliver on their commitment under the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC).

• Action for Climate Empowerment (ACE)

Climate change education, training, and awareness creation have been the central focus of AYICC targeting youth and vulnerable communities. We do this through workshops, conferences, and webinars leveraging on our robust online presence. Through our Flagship program; the African Youth Conference on Climate Change (AFRIYOCC) we are able to provide a platform for exchange of ideas and sharing of knowledge and best practices among young African thereby feeding into article 6 of the climate change convention and article 12 of the Paris Agreement.

• Tree planting and Ecological restoration

Trees contribute to their environment by providing oxygen, improving air quality, climate amelioration, conserving water, preserving soil, and supporting wildlife. Beyond the campaigns and advocacies, our member organizations embark on tree planting and reforestation activities including mangrove restoration along the coast.

• Renewable energy promotion

With the increasing demand for energy for industrial and economic development, AYICC member organizations in different countries are promoting renewable energy access to isolated off-grid communities. AYICC believes that Youth-led renewable energy enterprises are a viable means of achieving sustainable development, as they promote technologies that are less harmful to the global environs while at the same time providing sustainable income-generating opportunities for youth.

• Youth in Agribusiness

AYICC sees agriculture as an essential driver of economic development and an area of great opportunity for young people in Africa. The challenge, however, is that the growing youth population does not see agriculture as a profitable opportunity due to their lack of insight into the opportunities that exist within the agriculture value chain. Through our member organizations who are youth farmers themselves, AYICC has adopted various strategies including outreach to schools and communities, exhibitions and youth agricultural festivals as well as institution of award schemes for best youth farmers as a way to raise interest and awareness on the opportunities that exist within this sector.

• Recycling

Over recent years, the world has witnessed an increasing level of waste products as a by-product of the increasing level of population, affluence, and technological advancement in a given environment or society. In Africa we have witnessed increasing level of pollution from plastic, car tires, bottles among others and this has generated innovative thinking among young people to provide a sustainable solution. Over the years, AYICC members have redefined waste as a resource for sustainable development and through various recycling initiatives, they are bringing life into materials that otherwise could have been a nuisance to the environment.

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The initiative was conceived in 2006 in Nairobi Kenya, during the International Conference of Youth preceding the UNFCCC negotiations. The reason for its founding was to ensure the inclusion, and a strong representation of youth voices from the south, and specifically Africa, in climate change negotiations. This was needed as the youth in Africa are almost half of the population and are most affected by climate change and its impacts- as well have the most potential to support African adaptation to climate change.

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Our Executive Team

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Kassim Gawusu-Toure
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Mr. Kassim is a conservation biologist and a climate change activist with a decade of experience working in the development sector.

Oureratou Ouedraogo
DEPUTY EXECUTIVE COORDINATOR

Miss Oureratou is an Environmental Economist from Burkina Faso with extensive knowledge and experience in gender-related issues and climate

Olumide Idowu
COMMUNICATION DIRECTOR NIGERIA

Mr. Idowu is the co-founder of the Youth Lead Author #GEO6. Young, strategic leader who balances a pr

He holds a Master's Degree in climate change and sustainable development with extensive research on coastal vulnerability.



change. Miss Oureratou is also the national focal point for the Pan African Climate Justice Alliance (PACJA) in Burkina Faso



competing for development interests and passion for the environment.



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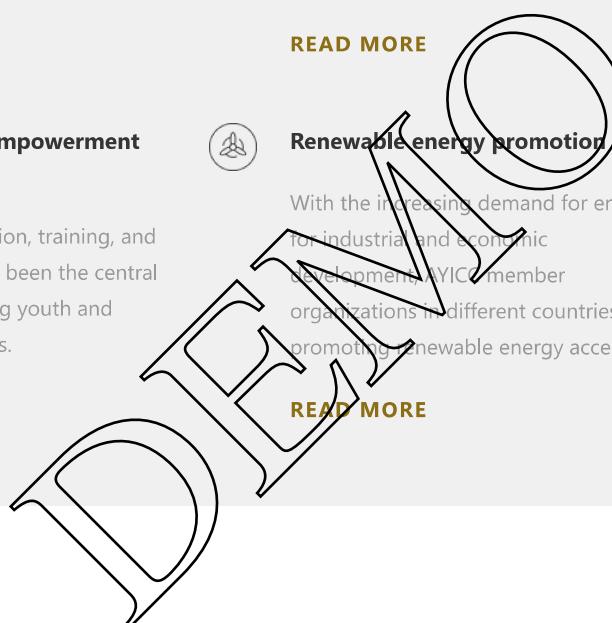
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Organization Type

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Headquarters

Gambia

Founded

2006

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Key youth organizations and countries that have been involved and continue to play a major role in the initiative in AYICC are: JVE Togo, AYICC Kenya, YEN Zambia, Energy Crossroads East Africa, Rwanda, Ethiopia, GYCCC Ghana, Nigeria youth climate Coalition, South Africa, Children for Children Organization- Gambia, Ethiopia, Morocco, Sierra Leone, REJEFAC-Cameroon, Benin, Algeria, Zimbabwe, Malawi and Rwanda among many others.

The members of the African Youth Initiative on Climate Change (AYICC) address the bigger picture of climate change by appreciating its links with sustainable development.

In this regard, the AYICC will link climate change and poverty reduction targets, especially in terms of utilizing appropriate and ecologically viable strategies. Thus ensuring both positive developments and avoiding the negative impacts of climate change.

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